

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-52 are pending. Claims 1-18, 29-31 and 35-48 have been withdrawn by Examiner as non-elected claims. Claim 19 has been amended to become independent. Claim 20 has been amended to correct Markush language as requested by Examiner. Entry of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-28, 32-34 and 49-52 stand objected to because claim 19 depends on a nonelected claim. Claim 19 has been amended and is now an independent claim. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. The incorrect Markush language has been amended and claim 20 is believed to be proper. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Since the claims for the recombinant DNA construct and host cells comprising said construct are now believed to be allowable, applicants kindly request that claims using the recombinant DNA construct and host cells comprising said construct, be rejoined and considered, i.e. claim 29 (Group IV) drawn to self-replicating RNA produced from the recombinant DNA construct; claim 30 (Group V) drawn to infectious particles made from the self-replicating RNA; claims 35 and 36 (Group VIII) drawn to the method of producing chimeric filovirus proteins using the host cells of allowable claims 33 and 34; claims 12, 14, 16, and 18 (Group II) drawn to the DNA fragment(s) which is part of the recombinant DNA construct; and claims 1-11, 13, 15, and 17 (Group I) drawn to the chimeric filovirus protein(s) encoded by the DNA fragments. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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All objections and rejections have been addressed. This application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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